



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITO, Shuji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Serial No.: **09/147,052**

Examiner: **Jana A. Hines**

Filed: **April 5, 1999**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1182**

For: **NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR
BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE
THEREOF**

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 13, 2003**, extended to **May 13, 2004** by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: